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In re Application of AVALLE

Application No. 09/800,463

Examiner: WILLIS, M.

Filed: March 08, 2001

Group Art Unit: 1619

For: COATED COSMETIC POWDER

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 05, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A cosmetic powder to which a coating is associated wherein:
said powder comprises at least one of the group consisting of excipients, pigments, silicones and silicone derivatives; and
said coating includes at least one polymer or co-polymer belonging to the poly alpha hydroxy acids family.

2. (Amended) The cosmetic powder according to claim 1, comprising said powder in a quantity [comprised] between 0.1 and 99.9% by weight.

3. (Amended) The cosmetic powder according to claim 1, comprising said poly